



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING

RAIL YARD SOIL CLEANUP PROJECTS **Former Southern Pacific Transportation Company** **Sacramento Rail Yard, 401 I Street, Sacramento, CA**

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period and public meeting to address three plans proposed as part of the former Southern Pacific Transportation Company (now Union Pacific Railroad Company [Union Pacific]) Sacramento Rail Yard cleanup project:

- **A Draft Removal Action Workplan for soil** in the Central Shops Study Area of the Rail Yard—proposes a plan to clean up soil prior to relocation of the Union Pacific main freight rail line, planned as part of the greater redevelopment of the Rail Yard.
- **An Asbestos Contingency Plan** for Rail Yard soils—establishes procedures to detect and manage asbestos during future excavations of Rail Yard soils.
- **A Draft Amendment to the Remedial Action Plan for soil** in the northwestern corner of the Lagoon Study Area of the Rail Yard—proposes a revised cleanup approach to this portion of the Rail Yard due to changes occurring since approval of a previous Remedial Action Plan in 2000.

A public meeting to discuss the plans, receive comments, and answer questions will be held on March 11, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., Sacramento Amtrak Depot, 401 I Street in Sacramento. DTSC also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments or questions about the three plans. The 30-day public comment period begins **February 25, 2003, and ends March 27, 2003**. You may send all public comments in writing to Fernando Amador, Project Manager, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826-3200 or by e-mail to FAmador@dtsc.ca.gov. Comments must be postmarked by March 27, 2003.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must judge whether the proposed actions in the draft cleanup plans could or will hurt the environment. DTSC has reviewed the City of Sacramento's environmental impact reports for the redevelopment of this site. The proposed actions are within the scope of the approved redevelopment plans. The environmental impact reports prepared for the redevelopment plan adequately cover the proposed cleanup plans.

As a result, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Determination based on DTSC's checklist of findings regarding the City of Sacramento's environmental reports. For the Asbestos Contingency Plan, DTSC believes that this plan is exempt. Since the work planned will lessen the potential release of asbestos fibers, DTSC finds no negative environmental effects. To review a copy of the Notice of Determination or the Notice of Exemption, please visit the Sacramento Central Library or the DTSC file room at the addresses listed below.

Copies of the draft documents, fact sheet, and related information are available for viewing at the following location:

Sacramento Central Public Library
828 I Street
Sacramento, California

To review the full administrative record, please contact:

DTSC - Sacramento Office File Room

8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California

For arrangements, please call Jennifer Thomas at 916-255-3560.

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will make a decision on these proposed projects. DTSC will issue a Notice of Decision and send a responsiveness summary to all people who commented on these projects. Also, you can review the summary at the two information repositories listed above.

For more information, contact Fernando Amador, DTSC Project Manager, 916-255-3737, or Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist, 916-255-3650.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at 916-255-3650.